

Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2024

1. **The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Marc Whittlesey, W0KYZ

2. **New Member and Guest Introductions** were presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

3. **President's Announcements** were presented by Marc Whittlesey, W0KYZ and they were as follows:

- Springdale Public Schools has just been awarded an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station Contact through the ARISS-USA Education Committee. The district reached out to the Bella Vista Radio Club to provide written support for their submission and for a commitment to provide technical support if their proposal was accepted to officially contact the ISS. BVRC's Vinson Carter, WV5C, who serves as the club Education Coordinator and Elmer 911 Coordinator assisted the school district with assistance with their application.
- We have completed several major events so far this year and they include:
 - BVRC Rookie Round Up
 - BVRC Solar Eclipse Expedition
 - N5T Train Mobile Special Event Station
 - BVRC Four County Line Arkansas QSO Party
 - BVRC Field Day 2024
- Events coming up:
 - BVRC Mount Magazine "Highest Point in Arkansas" Special Event Station in September
 - Year End Banquet and Awards in December

4. BVRC Business Meeting

A) Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH, were sent via email to the membership prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

B) Membership Report was given by Tom Northfell, W5XNA. We had 14 new members join in April. The current number of paid members is 267.

C) Treasurer Report was submitted by Marc Whittlesey, W0KYZ, and presented for discussion. No changes were made to the report. The report was as follows:

Previous Balance \$4,226.11 (from June/2024 report)

Dues Collected \$29.55

Expenses	\$270.00 (field day food), \$85.91 (brochures), \$16.86 (frames)
Total	<u>\$3,882.89</u>
Arvest account	\$1,601.12
PayPal account	\$2,160.77
Petty Cash	\$120.00
Current Balance	<u>\$3,882.89</u>

D) VE Program Report was submitted by Don Cooper, KC7DC and presented to the club. The report was as follows:

June 9th Testing Session:

Persons passing the exam included 3 new Technicians, 1 upgrade to General class. These were as follows:

Daniel R. Hayes - Call Sign Pending - Farmington, AR - New Technician

Charles A. Watts - KF0QWK - Powell, MO - New Technician

Ryan A. Faber - KJ5GUH - Bentonville, AR - New Technician

Jerry Bell - KD5UHF - Bentonville, AR - General Class Upgrade

Field Day Testing Session:

Persons passing the test included 1 General Class Upgrade and 1 Extra Class Upgrade

These were as follows:

Curtis Porter - KK7HNX - Farmington, AR - General Class Upgrade

Ralph Singleton - KJ5GJJ - Prairie Grove, AR - Extra Class Upgrade

E) New Business

There was no new business presented.

5. Feature Club Presentation

Presenter: Tom Northfell, W5XNA reviewed the events of the BVRC Field Day 2024.

6. Gear Exchange Announcement was made by Marc, W0KYZ

Announcement: For sale or trade items are located on the tables at the far right of the room throughout the evening for those looking "new to them" amateur radio equipment.

7. Club Door Prize Announcements were presented by Don Banta, K5DB

Note: Amateur radio related door prizes are provided by club members from their personal collections to winning BVRC members and guest ticket holders.

8. Adjournment

The next BVRC Club meeting is:

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Recorded in collaboration with Don Banta, K5DB and Respectfully submitted by Dana Hill, W5DGH